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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 July 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 14 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 October 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 10/06/2008 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1), which requires the following: (1) a list of all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office; (2) U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications listed in a section separately from citations of other documents; (3) the application number of the application in which the information disclosure statement is being submitted on each page of the list; (4) a column that provides a blank space next to each document to be considered, for the examiner's initials; and (5) a heading that clearly indicates that the list is an information disclosure statement. The information disclosure statement has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was

not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 12 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over El-Malki (US 6,947,401) in view of Carolan (US 7,027,432) and McLampy (US 2007/0104105).

As to claim 12, El-Malki discloses in figure 3 a transfer device 375 comprising a communication unit configured to transmit/receive packets to/from a mobile terminal 305 via a connection management device 310 arranged in a network and connecting to the mobile terminal, and transfer the packets to a visited position of the mobile terminal (see column 5 lines 1-22; column 12 lines 5-17); a determination unit configured to determine whether a packet received by the communication unit is a packet from a mobile terminal allowed to use packet transfer performed by the transfer device (see column 5 lines 26-47; see also "network policy" at column 10 lines 24-27); and a transfer management unit configured to manage transfer of the packets to the visited position based on a determination result by the determination unit (see column 5 lines 1-22; column 12 lines 5-17). El-Malki fails to disclose a terminal information storage unit configured to store terminal information unique to the mobile terminal allowed to use the packet transfer; wherein the determination unit determines whether the packet received by the communication unit is a packet from a mobile terminal allowed to use packet transfer performed by the transfer device based on whether information concerning the mobile terminal included in the packet received by the communication unit coincides with the

terminal information stored in the terminal information storage unit. Carolan discloses a transfer device (see the router 130 in figure 1) comprising a terminal information storage unit configured to store terminal information unique to the mobile terminal allowed to use the packet transfer; wherein the determination unit determines whether the packet received by the communication unit is a packet from a mobile terminal allowed to use packet transfer performed by the transfer device based on whether information concerning the mobile terminal included in the packet received by the communication unit coincides with the terminal information stored in the terminal information storage unit (see column 4 line 31 to column 5 line 2). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the above teaching of Carolan to El-Malki, in order to ensure packets from a network access device will go to the appropriate service network (as suggested by Carolan at column 4 lines 38-48).

Still as to claim 12, the combination of El-Malki and Carolan fails to disclose that the communication system includes a first access network provided by a first communication carrier and a second access network provided by a second communication carrier, and that the transfer device arranged by the first communication carrier as claimed. MeLampy discloses a communication system 102 (see figure 1) includes a first access network 112 provided by a first communication carrier (see paragraph [0031]) and a second access network 132 provided by a second communication carrier (see paragraph [0031]), and that a transfer device 118 is arranged by the first communication carrier 112 (see paragraph [0031]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to

provide the above teaching of MeLampy to the above combination of El-Malki and Carolan, in order to extend the coverage of the communication system (by bridging multiple carrier access networks as taught by MeLampy).

As to claim 16, it is rejected for similar reasons as set forth in claim 12 above.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 12 and 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ramasubramani (US 6,507,589) discloses routing between network gateways and service centers.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NGUYEN VO whose telephone number is (571)272-7901. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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